

City Council Meeting  
January 22, 2013

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilpersons Lawretta Miller, Evan Stewart, Tom Jankowski, and John Williams

Also Present: Public Works Director John Bleth, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, City Attorney Gary Ryder and Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan

Mayor Hanser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

**Consent Agenda:**

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 1/8/13 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 1/17/13
- c. December Financial Report
- d. Journal Voucher No. 2013-01
- e. Personnel Committee Appointments

**Bid Opening:**

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson opened and read aloud the sealed bids received for the City Shop Project. The following bids were received:

<u>Bidder Name</u>		<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate #1 Bid</u>
Wright Brothers	Sheridan, WY	\$758,851.00	\$2,000.00
High-Tech Construction	Billings, MT	\$823,626.00	0.00
Hardy Construction	Billings, MT	\$898,067.00	0.00
Fisher Construction	Billings, MT	\$854,996.00	1.00
DPS Construction	Boyd, MT	\$709,921.00	0.00
Appsalooka Contracting	Crow Agency, MT	\$967,253.00	350.00

The engineers will review the bids with Public Works Director Bleth and submit a recommendation for the City Council to consider.

**Departmental Reports:**

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Building/Planning Official Morgan, Fire Chief Reid, Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Bleth and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Hanser reported that Police Chief Hert has calculated the savings to the City of Colstrip by purchasing a pickup versus the Crown Victoria passenger cars previously purchased for the police

department. Mayor Hanser also noted that the company that the city purchased the pickup from took vehicles in trade-in and the other companies would not.

**Public Comment and Participation:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilperson Jankowski moved to postpone action on the Personnel Policy Manual until receiving clarification on the Family and Medical Leave Act. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Stewart suggested that this issue be directed to the Personnel Committee for review and recommendation since policy changes are supposed to go through the Personnel Committee. Councilperson Jankowski agreed that Attorney Ryder should research the issue and notify the Personnel Committee of his findings so they can meet and make a recommendation to the City Council. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to refer the Procedure Manual to the Personnel Committee for review. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the revised Position Description for the Public Works Director as submitted. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the purchase of a Snow Plow as requested by the Public Works Department in the amount of \$5,547.00. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Stewart clarified that the snow plow would be paid for out of the Gas Tax Machinery & Equipment Fund that has \$16,000 available. Mayor Hanser confirmed that is correct. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-01, declaring 200 300-gallon garbage dumpsters as surplus. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Miller commented she agreed that the dumpsters should be sold in lots of 10 with a minimum \$50 price per dumpster and that the purchaser will be responsible for picking up and transporting the dumpsters. Public Works Director Bleth confirmed that is his intent. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Miller made a motion to accept the changes recommended by the Zoning Commission for allowing animals in the R-3 District. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked if this allows chickens in the R-3 district. Mayor Hanser clarified the recommendation is for animals in general that will be allowed in the R-3 District, not just chickens. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to waive the reading in its entirety and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-01, allowing chickens in all residential areas of the city. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Administrative Matters:**

City Council will meet in special session on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 6:30 pm to receive and consider the City Shop bid recommendation.

Councilperson Stewart suggested it would be a good time to develop some rules of conduct and procedural guidelines for the Council's Committees.

Regarding the anonymous letter written to the City Council, Mayor Williams commented it is up to the Mayor to handle these types of issues.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer